



Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign 2011

Regional Workgroup Agenda

Meeting #4

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

9:30 am – 3:15 pm

Iowa State House/Capitol, Room 22 (*Note new location.)

Des Moines, Iowa

AGENDA

- I. Review of Meeting Three: Review and comments on Minutes
- II. Re-cap of discussion of funds pooling and county role in governance
 - Is “virtual pooling” of county resources sufficient to assure equity and consistency?
 - Is “virtual pooling” of county resources sufficient to provide flexibility and efficiency in funds expenditures?
 - Must (or may) county supervisors assure consumer/family representation on the governing bodies of the regions?
 - Should providers be allowed to be members of regional governing boards?
 - Should there be a “trigger” for proportional or weighted voting among regional board members representing counties of different sizes who also may be making different per capita contributions to the regional budget?
- III. Discussion of performance indicators for Regions
 - Review of performance indicator materials provided for the meeting
 - Consensus recommendation on key performance domains and indicators for Regions
- IV. Discussion of the pathways to establish regions: what is the roadmap to get Iowa from county based systems to regional systems?
 - Voluntary, evolutionary process; state designation; or some combination of both
 - Use of request for proposals/request for information?
 - Time frame for development

- Discretion/authority of the state to act:
 - i. If there are “orphan counties”
 - ii. If there are Counties that fail to join a qualifying regional group
 - iii. If counties wish to leave or dismantle a region
 - iv. If a region ceases to meet minimum qualifications and/or performance standards
- Contents of 28E Agreements

V. Discussion of the roles of regions in the management of Medicaid Home and Community Based Services

- TCM/supports coordination
- Use/oversight of SIS assessment and resource allotment process
- Role in consumer self-direction
- Person centered planning – participation and approval
- Quality assurance/quality management in compliance with CMS quality standards and process
- Interaction with DHS/IME related to HCBS waiver accountability and performance

VI. Wrap up & homework for next meeting. (Note: the next meeting will be the last scheduled meeting of the Regionalization Workgroup. The agenda of that meeting will be to review consensus recommendations emanating from the previous meetings of the workgroup; discuss how these meld with the recommendations of the other workgroups; and to forge final recommendations of the workgroup to be forwarded by DHS to the Legislative Interim Committee).

VII. Public Comment Session

VIII. Adjourn

*There will also be a 15 minute public comment session following the morning session prior to breaking for lunch.

****Next meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 9:30 am – 3:15 pm in Room 103 of the Iowa State House (Capitol), Des Moines, IA.***

KEY QUESTIONS FOR WORKGROUP TO CONSIDER IN PREPARATION FOR THE SESSION:

1. How can county commitment to and support of regional structures be assured?
2. What are the minimum performance expectations and thresholds to have a contract with DHS for regional management of MH and ID services?
3. What is the maximum amount of regionally-managed resources that may be used for administration as opposed to direct services (as measured by payments to providers)?
4. What roles should regions play in statewide activities such as best practice implementation and workforce development?
5. Under what circumstances will or must the state (DHS/IME) exercise second level approval of service eligibility and authorization decisions (e.g., certain HCBS waiver plans)

Handouts for the meeting:

- Examples of performance measures currently used by counties.
- TAC discussion paper on (a) the pathways to forming regional entities; and (b) management/oversight functions necessary to assure high quality, equitable and consistent management of Medicaid HCBS services throughout Iowa.